

Explore Orange County, NC

Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough

Weekly Calendar of Events

May 19, 2020

Covid-19 has temporarily changed the way we are living and when the familiar (your backyard and your neighborhood streets) has become a little too familiar the virtual world can expand our horizons until we are able to get out, get away and travel again. For now, enjoy these links from the comfort of your own home. Friday, May 8th @ 5pm North Carolina began transitioning into Phase 1 of easing some of the COVID-19 restrictions. Please adhere to those restrictions and stay safe!

Your invitation to live steamed music from Century Center's Century Hall, 3pm on Sundays in May! The Town of Carrboro and Orange County Government presents: Virtual Concert Series – May 24th: Durham Ukulele Orchestra and May 31st: Tim Smith Band. To watch to go <https://www.facebook.com/carrbororec>

Be sure to visit the Chapel Hill Library's [Facebook](#) page with a new fun craft to do each Friday. The Chapel Hill Library has staff created lists of things for kids and adults to keep you entertained, involved and learning. For kids check out the Learn from Home header with links to Children's Activities with Local Author Kelly Starling and Children's Activities with Author Dav Pilkey and so many more plus virtual story times and music for kids and virtual arts and culture activities for all ages. <https://chapelhillpubliclibrary.org/>

The Orange County Library in Hillsborough welcomes you to their Virtual Branch with a variety of online resources that you and your family can take advantage of through the library! You can ask a librarian questions, look up things for kids, teens and adults; look for online programs, events, and activities and check out the links under the staff picks.

The Freight Train Blues Concert Series is making a comeback this year – Virtually! Since they cannot hold their large in-person concerts, they have partnered with WCHL 97.9 The Hill to bring these concerts to you via both radio and online streaming (via Music Maker's Facebook Live and YouTube Live)! Join up on Fridays starting on May 22nd! If the weather is nice, listen on your porch and enjoy a socially-distanced Freight Train party with your neighbors and help them celebrate Carrboro's own Libba Cotten! Livestream each concert via the links below:

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/MusicMakerReliefFoundation/live/>

97.9 The Hill WCHL: <http://listen.streamon.fm/wchl>

- May 22nd – Mandolin Orange
- May 29th – Phil Cook
- June 5th – Hiss Golden Messenger

- June 12th – Lightnin' Wells
- June 19th – Thomas Rhyant

Check out the Burwell School facebook page: Elizabeth Keckly is a very important part of the Burwell School Historic Site. She lived at the site as an enslaved worker for the Burwell family, but later was able to buy her freedom. She eventually became dressmaker to First Lady Mary Lincoln. Pictured on their facebook page is a reproduction of a dress Elizabeth made for Mary Lincoln that she wore for the New Year's Day White House reception in 1864. This reproduction along with an exhibit about Elizabeth Keckly is always on display at the Burwell School. The original dress is at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. Visit the Burwell School website and facebook page to learn more about the Burwell School Historic Site and the influential people of its past. <https://www.facebook.com/pg/BurwellSchoolHistoricSite/posts/>

Dwarf Star Studios and The [Triangle Music Collective](#) present a series of weekly virtual open mic nights dedicated to Triangle, NC area talent! The next Triangle Virtual Open Mic Night will be streamed on Tuesday, May 19th, from 8pm - 10pm. All performances will be LIVE from the musicians' locations, not prerecorded, to benefit a number of organizations helping artists and venues during these challenging times. Hosted by Dwarf Star Studios in Carrboro.

